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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 422,200 IN MARCH

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment increased by 1,200 from February to March, as a slight decrease in Manufacturing jobs was more than offset by seasonal gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 422,200 in March. This represents a gain of 1,200 from the February level of 421,000 and is 4,600 more than the March 1985 total of 417,600.

MANUFACTURING

Total manufacturing employment in Rhode Island decreased by 200 in March to 119,500. Nevertheless, the current figure was 900 above the year earlier level of 118,600. In the Durable Goods category, the March employment figure of 81,700 was down 100 from the February level, but was up 600 compared to the March 1985 total. Employment in the Nondurable Goods sector also decreased 100 in the February-March period to 37,800, but was 300 above the total recorded a year ago.

Within the Durable Goods sector, a monthly job gain of 100 in Fabricated Metals was overshadowed by declines of 100 each in Jewelry-Silverware and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their February employment levels. On an annual basis, payroll expansion was evident in Primary Metals, Electrical Machinery and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+300 each). In addition, an upturn of 200 occurred in Instruments, followed by annual increases of 100 each in Fabricated Metals and Nonelectrical Machin-

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PROJECT "EARN IT"

The Department of Employment Security and the District Court system in Rhode Island have cooperatively participated in a victim restitution program called "Project Earn It" since January, 1986. Instituted jointly by the Hon. Robert K. Pirraglia of the Pawtucket District Court and John S. Renza, DES Director, the program is intended to provide unemployed defendants a chance to become productive citizens and their victims with quicker restitution.

Defendants found guilty of misdemeanor crimes in Judge Pirraglia's court must prove they can pay restitution to the victim and court fines. If they cannot by reason of unemployment, the defendant is formally referred to the DES Job Service for job placement. Once employed and earning a wage, the Court arranges with the defendant to make restitution to the victim and pay court costs. Unemployed offenders who refuse a job offered by DES without good reason risk additional court fines and possible imprisonment.

"Project Earn It" — an innovative and unique program in the public sector that benefits both victim and offender.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

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EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
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PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
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Jewelry 277-3553
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NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5293
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Tower Hill Road 789-9721
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Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Total Placements	1,141	1,089	1,126
New Applications	3,118	3,741	4,831
New Openings Rec'd.	2,557	1,975	2,784

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	% Change Feb. 1986
Initial Claims	7,018	8,457	- 17.0
No. of Payments	62,583	62,533	+ 0.1
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,172,208	$ 8,085,696	+ 1.1
Exhaustions	1,194	936	+ 27.6

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Initial Claims	3,618	3,434	3,490
No. of Payments	23,113	21,748	24,105
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,019,550	$ 2,851,713	$ 2,953,804

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	500.4	496.9	494.8
Unemployment	23.6	26.2	28.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.7	5.3	5.7
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.3	4.6	5.2

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	323.4	323.1	323.6
Unemployment	16.9	16.5	18.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	5.1	5.8

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	164.0	164.9	160.3
Unemployment	9.4	9.7	10.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.7	5.9	6.4

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	32,565	32,325	31,750
Unemployment	1,505	1,555	1,605
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.6	4.8	5.1

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBRUARY 17-21, 1986

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	17,010	100.0
Men	11,031	64.9
Under 45	8,513	77.2
45 and over	2,518	22.8
Women	5,979	35.1
Under 45	4,039	67.6
45 and over	1,940	32.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	3,706	21.8
Manufacturing	6,922	40.7
Public Utilities	716	4.2
Wholesale and Retail	2,518	14.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	297	1.7
Service	1,854	10.9
All Other	997	5.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,399	8.2
Clerical and Sales	3,077	18.1
Service	1,416	8.3
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	927	5.4
Processing	454	2.7
Machine Trades	1,416	8.3
Bench Work	2,098	12.3
Structural Work	4,178	24.7
Miscellaneous	2,010	11.8
INA	35	0.2

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	422.2	421.0	417.6	+ 1,200	+ 4,600
MANUFACTURING	119.5	119.7	118.6	- 200	+ 900
NONMANUFACTURING	302.7	301.3	299.0	+ 1,400	+ 3,700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.6	13.2	12.5	+ 400	+ 1,100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.6	13.6	13.4	-	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	91.0	90.4	89.7	+ 600	+ 1,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.3	23.2	23.2	+ 100	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	103.3**	102.9	101.9	+ 400	+ 1,400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.9	58.0	58.3	- 100	- 400

1986 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1985 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES					
	IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1985
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.5	119.7	118.6	- 200	+900	$318.30	$302.35	40.6	40.1	$7.84	$7.54
DURABLE GOODS	81.7	81.8	81.1	- 100	+600	320.28	305.12	40.8	40.2	7.85	7.59
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0	375.87	391.56	40.9	42.5	9.19	8.38
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 100	380.24	371.28	39.2	40.8	9.70	9.10
PRIMARY METALS	6.2	6.2	5.9*	0	+300	396.88	377.50	44.0	42.8	9.02	8.82
FABRICATED METALS	9.6	9.5	9.5	+100	+100	387.45	268.00	40.6	40.0	7.08	6.70
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.7*	5.7*	5.6*	0	+100	425.65	414.86	44.2	43.9	9.63	9.45
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.1*	12.1	11.8	0	+300	307.10	281.15	41.5	38.2	7.40	7.36
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.7	9.7	9.9	0	- 200	417.18	434.00	40.7	42.3	10.25	10.26
INSTRUMENTS	5.7*	5.7*	5.5*	0	+200	306.82	300.25	40.8	41.3	7.52	7.27
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.3	22.4	22.7	- 100	- 400	252.23	244.19	40.1	39.9	6.29	6.12
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.0	6.1	5.7	- 100	+300	242.51	234.20	35.3	34.8	6.87	6.73
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.8	37.9	37.5	- 100	+300	311.52	294.23	40.3	39.6	7.73	7.43
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.5	3.1	- 300	+100	254.25	241.70	37.5	37.3	6.78	6.48
TEXTILES	10.8	10.8	10.8	0	0	300.12	273.91	41.8	40.7	7.18	6.73
APPAREL	3.3	3.2	3.3	+100	0	276.12	251.22	41.9	39.5	6.59	6.36
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+100	296.74	277.95	41.1	41.3	7.22	6.73
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.4	6.3	6.3	+100	+100	404.77	385.50	37.9	37.5	10.68	10.28
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	3.0	3.1	- 100	- 200	403.61	402.70	40.2	40.8	10.04	9.87
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0	319.06	305.14	40.8	41.8	7.82	7.30
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.6	5.5	5.5	+100	+100	308.77	299.15	40.1	38.6	7.70	7.75
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+100	214.95	213.79	38.8	40.8	5.54	5.24

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ery. The largest job decline for the 12 month period was registered in Jewelry-Silverware (-400). Also down from their year ago levels were Transportation Equipment (-200) and Stone-Clay-Glass (-100). March employment in Lumber/Furniture showed no change compared to a year earlier.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly job gains were posted in Apparel, Printing-Publishing and Plastics Products (+100 each). In contrast, payroll declines were reported in Food-Beverage (-300) and Chemical Products (-100). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from February. Compared to March 1985, employment increases were recorded in Food-Beverage, Paper Products, Printing-Publishing, Plastics Products and Leather Products (+100 each). An annual decline of 200 workers occurred in Chemical Products, while payrolls in Textiles, Apparel and Rubber Products remained at their year ago levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector increased by 1,400 from February to March, primarily due to hiring in Trade, Service and Contract Construction. The current figure of 302,700 is also 3,700 above the year ago level of 299,000.

Within this sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade posted the most substantial monthly job gain as it rose 600 to its current total of 91,000; this was 1,300 greater than the figure recorded a year earlier. Similarly, employment in the various Service categories, at 103,300, and Contract Construction, at 13,600, each registered a monthly increase of 400. In addition, the former was up 1,400 and the latter advanced 1,100 compared to March 1985. Payrolls in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate rose 100 on both a monthly and an annual basis, to a level of 23,300. Total Government employment was down 100 for the month; at 57,900 this segment experienced an annual decline of 400 workers. Although Transportation and Public Utilities payrolls did not change from February to March, the current job total of 13,600 reflects an increase of 200 compared to a year ago.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers rose by 2 cents to $7.84 in March. This figure was up 30 cents compared to a year earlier. The average work week increased by 0.3 of an hour in March to 40.6 hours, which was also 0.5 of an hour greater than the March 1985 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers amounted to $318.30 in March, a gain of $3.15 from last month and an increase of $15.95 from the year ago level.

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